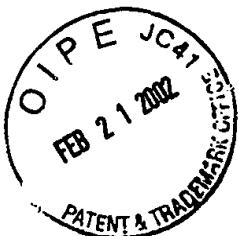


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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the "Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements" dated December 26, 2001 for which the two-month date for response is February 26, 2002.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0031.NPUS00.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.